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1. SUMMARY: IN CCD WORKING GROUP ON ENMOD DRAFT CONVENTION, NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN INTRODUCED REVISED VERSION OF ARTICLE V (COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE). UK SUBMITTED NEW ARTICLE PROVIDING FOR REVIEW CONFERENCES. U.S. AND USSR DEFENDED EXISTING ARTICLE I

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(SCOPE OF BAN), WHICH WAS ATTACKED BY ARGENTINA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THIRD MEETING OF CCD'S INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION, NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN INTRODUCED AND EXPLAINED PROPOSED REVISION TO ARTICLE V (REFTEL). ARGENTINA, FRG, AND UK EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL, YUGOSLAVIA CRITICIZED PROVISION GUARANTEEING MEMBERSHIP OF SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS IN CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. INDIA ASKED CRITICAL QUESTIONS AND RESERVED POSITION BOTH ON SUBSTANCE AND PRINCIPLE OF PROPOSAL. DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL WAS DEFERRED TO ARTICLE V'S NORMAL SEQUENCE IN COURSE OF SECOND READING.

3. UK SUBMITTED DRAFT OF ADDITIONAL ARTICLE ON REVIEW CONFERENCES; DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL WAS ALSO DEFERRED. (TEXT PROVIDED AT END OF THIS CABLE.)

4. WORKING GROUP AGREED TO DEFER FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PRE-ABMLE AS REVISED BY U.S. AND USSR, WITH SEVERAL DELS, NOTABLY INDIA, ROMANIA, AND ARGENTINA, MAKING CLEAR THEY DID NOT CONSIDER PREAMBULAR ISSUED TO BE RESOLVED.

5. MARTIN (US) BEGAN SECOND READING OF ARTICLE I WITH LENGTHY DEFENSE OF PRESENT TEXT, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR SCOPE OF CONVENTION AS EXPRESSED BY ITS PROHIBITION OF TECHNIQUES "HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING, OR SEVERE EFFECTS." HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO U.S. OF RETAINING THESE TERMS AND URGED CRITICS TO FOCUS ON SEEKING GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE DEFINITIONS RATHER THAN CALLING FOR DELETION OF THE PHRASE. MARTIN ALSO REITERATED U.S. VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF RETAINING PHRASE "MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE" AND LIMITATION OF APPLICABILITY TO ACTIONS AGAINST OTHER STATES PARTY. IN ADDITION, HE EXPRESSED U.S. RESERVATIONS CONCERNING VALUE OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TECHNIQUES THAT "MAY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE" THE PROSCRIBED EFFECTS AND OF PROHIBITION OF THREAT.

6. BERASATEGUI (ARGENTINA) RESPONDED SHARPLY TO MARTIN'S DEFENSE, STATING THAT ARGENTINA'S OBJECTIONS TO "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING, OR SEVERE" PHRASE HAD NOT BEEN SATISFIED AND INSISTING THAT RETENTION OF THE WORDS MUST NOT BE MADE ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT. HE SAID THAT SCOPE WAS REAL ISSUE AND THAT IF CO-SPONSORS OF DRAFT WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER OTHER MEANS OF SETTING A SUITABLE SCOPE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION OF PRECISE PHRASING OF SCOPE SHOULD NOT BE MADE AN INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM.

7. LIKHATCHEV (USSR), IN BRIEF STATEMENT, ALSO DEFENDED PRESENT TEXT OF ARTICLE I AND CONFIRMED FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICLY THAT SOVIET SIDE SHARED INTERPRETATION OF WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING, OR SEVERE AS STATED BY MARTIN IN APRIL 20 PLENARY STATEMENT.

8. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UK PROPOSAL ON REVIEW CONFERENCES:

"1. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS ARTICLE, IF A MAJORITY OF THE STATES PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION SO REQUEST BY A PROPOSAL IN WRITING ADDRESSED TO THE CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, A CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION SHALL BE HELD AT GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION, WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE PREAMBLE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION, INCLUDING THOSE COVERING THE OPERATION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, ARE BEING REALIZED.

"2. SUCH A CONFERENCE SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE EARLIER THAN (3) YEARS AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION OR THEREAFTER AT INTERVALS OF LESS THAN (3) YEARS. IF HOWEVER NO CONFERENCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED WHEN (8) YEARS HAVE ELAPSED AFTER THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION OR AFTER A PREVIOUS CONFERENCE, THE CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE SUCH A CONFERENCE."

9. NEXT ENMOD WORKING GROUP MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 16.
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